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An alleged ding dong

Man charged in Halifax church bell theft

Halifax Police have charged a 46-year-old man in relation to the theft of three bells from St. John's United Church on Willow Street on Tuesday.

The man was arrested Wednesday at an Albro Lake Road address in Dartmouth. He faces charges of possession of stolen property, break and enter and trafficking in property obtained by crime.

Officers have located portions of the bells which had been broken and they continue to search for the remaining pieces. The investigation continues. METRO

Gregory Brushett

Police seek help in 15-year-old missing persons case

Halifax police are asking the public to help close a 15-year-old missing persons case. Gregory Brushett's mother reported him missing on April 12, 1999.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states the 35-year-old was a former member of an outlaw motorcycle club. He was living on Dawson Street in Dartmouth at the time of his disappearance.

Brushett was last seen driving on Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth around 6 p.m. on April 10, 1999. He'd been seen at a bar in Dartmouth shortly before that.

Police say foul play is suspected in Brushett's disappearance. Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers. METRO



Garnetta Cromwell at her hearing in May 2013. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'I feel validated'

Harassment. Human Rights Commission sides with former Leon's employee in racism complaint

A woman who was subjected to several instances of racial harassment at a Leon's Furniture store in Dartmouth said Thursday she felt justice has been served after a human rights board ordered her former employer to pay her $8,000.

Garnetta Cromwell said in a statement that she was pleased with the findings of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Board of Inquiry, which concluded that her supervisor at Leon's Furniture Ltd. in Burnside had discriminated against her.

"The treatment I experienced was dehumanizing and caused me great personal and professional loss," said Cromwell, who is black.

"I feel validated and proud of the fact that I spoke up about what I felt was racial discrimination, a problem that remains far too common in workplaces and communities in Nova Scotia."

The board found that Cromwell experienced 10 incidents of racial harassment while working as a sales associate at the big box store from 2004 to 2008, when she resigned.

The 73-page decision said her supervisor referred to her as Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. secretary of state, when she was talking to customers on the showroom floor.

In the event that led to her filing a human rights complaint, Cromwell said her supervisor asked her to come to his office for a performance evaluation in 2008.

As she entered, she testified that he said, "Everybody out. It's time for a lynching."

The human rights board condemned the comment, calling it "unacceptable for a manager to threaten physical violence as a joke in a workplace."

It also said Cromwell faced excessive and ongoing discipline for workplace infractions at the store, while being discouraged from applying for management positions.

She said she was suspended for missing work, a punishment she said was too harsh.

Cromwell, who declared bankruptcy and took a medical leave after the incidents, was seeking $10,000 in damages plus lost wages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Contacting Leon's

No one from Leon's Furniture was available for comment.



‘He says he was scratching his ear’

Distracted driving. Halifax police hear it all when it comes to using cellphones while on the road

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Halifax Regional Police Sgt. David Reynolds keeps an eye on drivers along the Bedford Highway on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax Regional Police Sgt. David Reynolds stares through his binoculars, resting his arms on the open door of his green SUV.

His uniform is hidden behind the door as he watches for drivers distracted on their cellphones as part of an initiative by the force.

“I have a white male in an oil truck talking on the phone, holding it to his left ear with his left hand,” he says into his pager.

An officer parked in a cruiser down the road on the Bedford Highway responds and pulls the truck over.

“He says he was scratching his ear,” the officer says.

“Yeah, we get that a lot,” Reynolds responds, as he starts jotting down notes on the incident in his notepad.

Police are conducting several cellphone blitzes a week as part of a distracted driving initiative for April. They hope it will educate citizens and create safer roads.

“Drivers can cause an awful lot of death or destruction or injury to people on the road if they’re not paying attention,” Reynolds said in an interview.

He said even though police are making this targeted enforcement known to the public, people are still on their phones.

Police handed out 14 tickets for cellphone usage within two hours on Wednesday. Between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, they handed out three.

Every year, HRM officers issue more than 2,000 tickets for distracted driving, which carries a fine starting at $176.45. Distracted driving can also include eating, applying makeup and shaving.

Reynolds said it’s far easier to catch someone talking on the phone than texting, but a tell-tale sign of texting is the driver looking down.

He said it used to be mostly phone calls that were a distraction, but now there’s been a societal shift to texting.

Tickets

75

The number of drivers Halifax Regional Police have ticketed this month for using their phones while driving.

Attention University Students

How to Score A+ in Recycling 101

- Ensure you’re recycling properly by following HRM’s sorting guides for ‘What Goes Where’ and ‘How to Prepare It.’
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- Observe limits: up to 6 bags/containers of garbage and 1 bulky item per residential house; up to 5 bags/containers of garbage per unit (in buildings with 2-6 units) and 2 bulky items per building.

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STREET CLEANING PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality advises residents that the annual Street Cleaning Program is now in effect on Peninsular Halifax. Weekly overnight service continues until November 15, 2014.

Motorists and residents are reminded that “No Parking—Street Cleaning” signs are in effect. On-street vehicles must be moved to allow for efficient service delivery and to avoid being ticketed.



Street cleaning takes place on weekdays between the hours of 12:05 am and 8:00 am. Refer to on-street signage for your service day.



The Halifax Regional Municipality thanks motorists and residents for their cooperation. For further information on street maintenance, please call 311 or visit Halifax.ca/TPW

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Gerald Barton arrives at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday. Barton is seeking compensation in the $500,000 range after being wrongfully convicted of statutory rape decades ago. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suit over wrongful conviction turns to police statement

Court. Lawyer alleges fabrication or coercion in creation of key document used to nail Gerald Barton on statutory-rape charge

A sexually explicit document from 1969 became the focus of a lawsuit Thursday launched by a Nova Scotia man wrongfully convicted of statutory rape.

The RCMP say the document is based on a statement Gerald Barton gave to a senior Mountie investigating an alleged case of rape in Jordantown, N.S.

In the statement, Barton is quoted as saying he had consensual sex with a 14-year-old girl, who later gave birth to a boy.

It was used to convict Barton, then 19, of having sex with a girl aged 14 to 16. He was sentenced to a year of probation.

Barton's lawyer, Dale Dunlop, told the Nova Scotia Supreme Court that his client was the victim of a negligent investigation by the RCMP, alleging the statement was either fabricated or the result of subtle coercion.

Quoted

"For them to come after all this time and apologize to me, what's it going to change? It ain't going to change what they done to me for 40-some years."
Gerald Barton

Earlier this week, Barton testified that he never spoke to police and didn't plead guilty to the crime. He said the sexually explicit terms in the statement were words he wouldn't have understood at the time.

In his closing argument, Dunlop said the lead RCMP investigator, Cpl. Earl Hamilton, could have manufactured the statement, or he could have encouraged Barton to say he had consensual sex with the girl to wrap up the case and spare the accused from facing a more serious rape charge.

"The only conclusion you can come to is that this statement wasn't taken properly," Dunlop told Justice James Chipman, who reserved judgment and is taking written submissions on a charter argument in the case on April 25.

Barton's conviction was quashed by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal in 2011 after the complainant recanted her story and DNA testing proved Barton wasn't the father of her son. The genetic tests said the brother of Barton's accuser was the father of the child.

Earlier Thursday, federal lawyer Angela Green said Dunlop failed to prove his case, saying there was no evidence to suggest Hamilton was careless in his work or that he fabricated the incriminating statement.

However, Chipman challenged that assertion, suggesting Hamilton might have been eager to close the file and clear up a scandal in the community.

Green rejected that argument.

"There's a common-sense disconnect on why the police would fabricate a statement on a lesser charge and then hand it to the Crown," she said.

Before closing arguments began, Dunlop withdrew Barton's claim of malicious prosecution against the provincial attorney general, saying it's clear that the Crown attorney in the case could only act on the statements given to him by the RCMP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student cash cows say they're done being milked

Dalhousie University students cheered as a cow, strung up from the ceiling of a campus pub, burst open after repeated beatings from a broomstick.

The students say the paper-mâché cow was symbolic of the cash cow that international students at the university, feel like. And they aren't happy about it.

"That poor hungry cow is us," said Ishika Sharma as she spoke to students at the pub on Thursday.

About 30 students, from Canada and abroad, gathered to vent their frustration at the proposed three per cent hike to the international differential fee that students from abroad have to pay to study at the university.

They say that would be in addition to the three per cent increase to tuition that was also put forward by the school's board of governors.

The final decision will be made April 15 during the school's board of governors meeting. Students intend on attending the meeting and making their voices and frustrations heard.

"It's important for students to let out their anger," said international master's student Sirui Jiang. "We are so fed up with this. They increase the fee every year. We're angry and we want to protest this, so we'll be going to their meeting to voice our opinions. We don't want this to happen again this year." MITCH WARD/FOR METRO



Dalhousie University student Ishika Sharma takes a swing at the cash cow on Thursday. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

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Oh, go fly a kite

Tony Foss takes advantage of the blustery weather in Halifax on Thursday to catch some air with a homemade sail on the Emera Oval. The spring-like weather is expected through the weekend.
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Halifax location for diabetes care, services is on the move

Diabetes Management Centre. Bayers Road location soon to be no more

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Halifax and area residents living with diabetes are facing changes for care and services in the near future.

Capital District Health Authority has confirmed that they are moving the Diabetes Management Centre from its current Bayers Road location to a Mumford Road site sometime in the next few months.

Other patients will be sent to either the Community Health and Wellness Centre in Spryfield or the Cobequid Community Health Centre in Lower Sackville.

Capital Health spokesman Everton McLean said the reason for the move to Mumford Road is to find a space that will better serve its patients and staff.

"They believe they have the space required for the staff and complement at the Mumford site, for the needs that have been identified," McLean said.

"The site has access for people with mobility issues such as wheelchair access. Also, it's on a central bus route which was taken into consideration when making this decision."

Mumford Road

Capital Health says an opening date for the Mumford Road Diabetes Management Centre will be announced in the coming weeks.

Capital Health says it will continue its ongoing transfer of Bayers Road staff to the health centre in Lower Sacvkille.

Lisa Matte, regional director of the Canadian Diabetes Association, was not aware of the upcoming changes.

Matte said it's too early to tell if it will be a good move for patients, or if the change will create issues. "Our only concern would be that people have reasonable access to get in to see their health-care team when they need to," she said.

Dartmouth

Cops asking for public's help in finding missing mother, daughter

Halifax police are asking for the public's help locating a missing Dartmouth mother and her 16-month-old daughter.

Police say Kyla Rae Benoit and her daughter were reported missing on Wednesday — three days after they were last seen in Dartmouth.

Police don't believe Benoit and her daughter have met with foul play, but are concerned for their well-being. Benoit might be interested in travelling outside of the province with her daughter, a police release states.

Benoit is described as five-foot-eight, 115 pounds with a thin build and long, reddish-brown hair. She also has a tattoo with the name Abdoul on her wrist, and has her ears and bottom lip pierced.

The child is described as being about 25 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on their whereabouts is asked to contact police at 490-5016. METRO



Kyla Rae Benoit and her daughter
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Abortion clinic to close without public funds

Morgentaler. Facility manager says location has lost about $100,000 over the last decade

The Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton will close at the end of July, a move the facility's manager says will restrict the rights of women in New Brunswick seeking abortions.

Simone Leibovitch says the clinic, which has been in operation for 20 years, has been providing abortions even though it has lost about $100,000 over the last decade.

"Dr. Morgentaler's policy was always such that no woman would ever be turned away from having an abortion, and we followed that policy," Leibovitch told a news conference Thursday.

Quoted

"They need to repeal Regulation 84-20.... It's always been a barrier to health care."

Simone Leibovitch of the New Brunswick government

Leibovitch said the clinic cannot continue to offer procedures that are not publicly funded.

Abortion isn't covered by medicare in the province unless two doctors certify in writing that it is medically necessary and is performed by a specialist in an approved hospital.

"As far as I'm concerned, the solution to this problem is up to the government of New Brunswick," Leibovitch said.

The New Brunswick government issued a brief statement reaffirming that women will continue to have access to medically necessary abortions. But it declined further comment, saying the matter is before the courts.

In 2002, Dr. Henry Morgentaler launched a lawsuit in a bid to force the provincial government to pay for the procedure. The case has been in limbo since Morgentaler died last May.

The Morgentaler Clinic charges between $700 and $850 for the procedure, depending on how far along a woman is in her pregnancy. It is the only Morgentaler Clinic in the Maritimes.

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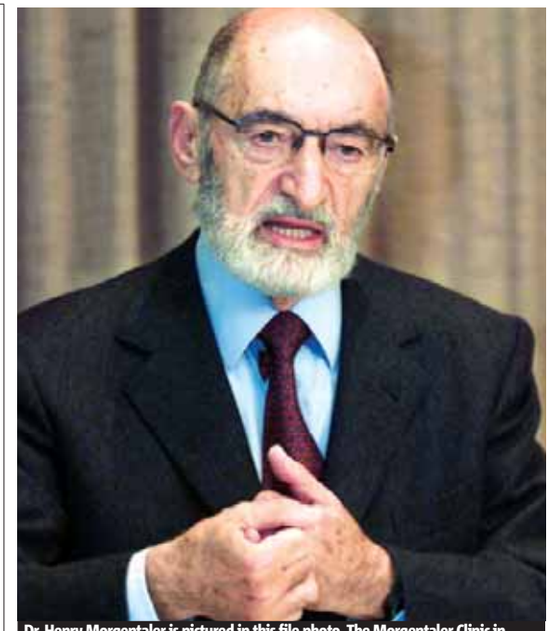

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Dr. Henry Morgentaler is pictured in this file photo. The Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton will close at the end of July, a move the facility's manager says will restrict the rights of women in New Brunswick seeking abortions.

DAILY NEWS FILE

Upset. Clinic closure 'disheartening' for sexual health centre director

The executive director of the Halifax Sexual Health Centre says he's disillusioned by the closure of the Morgentaler clinic in Fredericton.

"We are looking to overturn draconian laws and bust down walls," said John Britton Thursday. "So anything that takes us backwards … is very, very disheartening."

Britton said the closure leaves women in New Brunswick with limited options for obtaining an abortion: pay $1,700 for the procedure in Nova Scotia, or find two doctors in New Brunswick willing to certify that an abortion is medically necessary.

"'Medically necessary' would have to be listed as, and the default is usually, severe depression or suicide," he said, adding he's not concerned about an influx of patients from New Brunswick. "That's not a win-win, because you get the abortion that you're entitled to, but that's on your medical record and that can affect future insurance claims, future employment, all kinds of stuff."

Though the closure of the clinic isn't the direct result of any recent government policy or action, Britton said it's a huge symbolic blow for women's rights in Canada.

"The fight that we're having in Nova Scotia is furthering the cause and what's happening in New Brunswick is, the cause is dying back, and that's really sad," he said.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Ship of dreams

Anniversary of Titanic sinking commemorated

Next week marks the 102nd anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic — one of the largest maritime disasters in modern history. To commemorate this, the Titanic Society of Atlantic Canada is putting on an event at the Maritime Museum on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The event titled Our Collections and Inspirations: Titanic 102nd anniversary commemoration, features a craft show, a theatre production, and a film launch.

METRO

Weapon charge

Youth brings crowbar to school

The RCMP in Nova Scotia have charged a 17-year-old youth with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose after they say he brought a crowbar to school.

Officers responded to a complaint Wednesday at Chester Area Middle School about someone allegedly on school property in possession of a crowbar who was looking for a student.

Shortly after responding, police say they arrested two teens a short distance from school property.

METRO

Robbers on the run

Man struck with chair leg during robbery

Police in Halifax are looking for two men who forced their way into a city apartment, struck someone with a chair leg and robbed him.

The incident happened around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday inside an apartment in the 5000 block of Fenwick Street.

The suspects took personal items and money, according to police. The victim was also treated on scene for a minor injury after being hit with a chair leg.

METRO

Millions of dollars spent clearing roads

Flurry of funds. Cape Breton snow budget way over following challenging winter

A winter storm season described as an "anomaly" by public works staff in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality pushed snow removal costs approximately 60 per cent over budget.

But due to a spending freeze implemented by all departments, Mayor Cecil Clarke said the municipality has eked out a "modest surplus" for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

"Our costs have been down in other areas because (staff) have been watching all of the dollars, so it will be enough to cover the winter works overrun, but at the same time because everything else has been on hold there's been some flexibility created as a result," he said in an interview.

However modest that surplus, the mayor couldn't say exactly how much money would be left over.

Clarke said council will look at establishing a general reserve fund. In an ideal scenario, there would be both a general reserve and winter works contingency funds, he said.

The costs associated with the storm on April 1 will come out of the snow removal budget for next winter since the storm hit on the first day of the new fiscal year.

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The amount of money spent in snow removal this year in the CBRM.



Spring has sprung, the grass has ... well, it's getting there

People take advantage of the sun on Thursday by taking a stroll at the Public Gardens. Thursday marked the official opening day for the 2014 season.

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Google will sell the "Explorer" version of Glass to any U.S. resident who places an online order for the device beginning at 9 a.m. PDT April 15. The product will cost $1,500, the same price that Google Inc. has charged for Glass since sales of the device began last year.

This marks the first time that Google has made Glass available to consumers without special access.

More than 10,000 models of Glass have been sold to a select group of developers, contest winners and other invitees.



A reporter tries out Google Glass and its app, Allthecooks, to make carrot and ginger soup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thursday's announcement about the general sale didn't specify how many more sets of Glass will be available.

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First Nations

Education bill faces backlash

The federal government tabled its First Nations education bill Thursday, despite complaints from some aboriginal groups that it skimps on funding and fails to give natives direct control of their education.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt defended the bill, and said it meets the five conditions set by the Assembly of First Nations and chiefs during a December meeting.

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White-nose syndrome

Bat-killing disease spreads further

A disease that has killed millions of North American bats is spreading and has been detected in half of the U.S., officials said Thursday.

Officials acknowledged they had no cure and could take limited steps to protect the bats. "We face the loss of multiple bat species and the benefits they provide to our ecosystems and our people," said Erin Crain of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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Researchers develop jet-lag app for iPhone

Science. Team used mathematical equations to predict circadian rhythm

Lots of apps claim they can help you fight jet lag. Now Michigan researchers say mathematical formulas suggest it's possible to adjust to new time zones a bit faster than previously thought, and they created their own free app to help.

Doctors have long said exposure to light is key. But how much, and when?

"If you get light in the wrong time or wrong way, it'll send you the wrong direction," said University of Michigan math professor Daniel Forger, who led the research published Thursday.

A master biological clock, called a circadian rhythm, regulates when we become sleepy and when we're more alert. Travel across time zones and the body clock has to reset itself.

Light is that clock's strongest regulator. In a study partly funded by the Air Force, the Michigan team used two equations proven to predict someone's circadian rhythm, and with computer modelling calculated different schedules of light exposure for more than 1,000 possible trips.

It's possible to customize a block of time each day when you should be in light, the brighter the better, and another when you should avoid it, Forger's team reported in the journal PLoS Computational Biology.

A free iPhone app named Entrain does the calculations. Stay indoors, or stay up later, and it adjusts the advice.

The app hasn't been tested with travellers yet to see whether it really helps more than general advice, such as to seek morning light when travelling eastward. But after using it, travellers will be given a choice of submitting their data to a University of Michigan study.

"Before we really believe it, it has to go through testing," cautioned sleep-medicine specialist Dr. Steven Altchuler, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, who wasn't involved in the project. But "there's very little risk of harm if someone wants to try these things."

Most people adjust fine with general advice, but adjusting faster may be more important if travellers must be at their best for, say, sports competitions or a business negotiation, Altchuler added.

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Michigan researchers say mathematical formulas suggest it's possible to adjust to new time zones a bit faster than previously thought, and created a free app to help jet-lagged travellers. JOERG KOCH/GETTY IMAGES



Celebrating 50 years of the Civil Rights Act

Barack Obama, America's first black president, declared Thursday that he had "lived out the promise" envisioned by Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who championed the push for greater racial equality with sweeping civil rights legislation a half century ago.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which Johnson signed into law, Obama lauded his Democratic predecessor's ability to grasp like few others the power of government to bring about change and swing open the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans.

Obama spoke at the end of a three-day summit commemorating the landmark law that ended racial discrimination in public places.

Johnson's ambitious domestic agenda has been overshadowed for decades by the legacy of the war in Vietnam.

Against the backdrop of Obama's own troubled relationship with Congress, there have also been fresh bouts of nostalgia for Johnson's mastery of congressional deal-making.

Obama also offered rare personal insights into his views on the office he has held for more than five years, casting it as a humbling perch with powerful possibilities.

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The shadow of Air Force One as it nears Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Austin, Texas, Thursday. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Plan B: Why not engineer the climate?

Divisive proposal. Supporters say it's inevitable, opponents say it's mad science; UN panel entertains the option

It's Plan B in the fight against climate change: cooling the planet by sucking heat-trapping CO2 from the air or reflecting sunlight back into space.

Called geoengineering, it's considered mad science by opponents. Supporters say it would be foolish to ignore it, since Plan A — slashing carbon emissions from fossil fuels — is moving so slowly.

The UN's expert panel on climate change is under pressure from both sides this week as it considers whether geoengineering should be part of the toolkit that governments use to keep global warming in check.

But even advocates of studying geoengineering express doubts.

"Really at the present moment there is a high level of uncertainty surrounding all of these options," said Steve Rayner, co-director of Oxford University's geoengineering program.

Some environmental activists watching the talks in Berlin want the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to scratch references to geoengineering altogether. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mini Winnie, miny mo ... Guess what? This puppy is a clone

This undated photo issued by Channel 4 on Wednesday shows Britain's first cloned dog, a dachshund called Mini Winnie. The dog was cloned from a 12-year-old pet called Winnie, owned by Rebecca Smith from London, which beat another 60,000 pets in a competition organized by a South Korean tech firm. The dachshund puppy was born in Seoul at the end of March 2014. CHANNEL 4/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Unkept' and 'matted'

U.S. lawmakers say army's hair rules offensive

Black female lawmakers are urging Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel to reconsider revised army regulations that ban hairstyles frequently worn by minority women in the military.

Sixteen female members of the Congressional Black Caucus signed a letter Thursday to Hagel, stating that the changes are "discriminatory rules targeting soldiers who are women of colour." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico City

Police say bug can take over computer camera

Police in Mexico City have issued a warning about a new type of "ransomware" virus that can take over computers' cameras and make the user think they are under surveillance.

The Mexico City police department's cyber-crime unit says the virus infects computers, generally after they view or download sexually explicit material. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$50M per year. Province to provide IVF funding

Ontario's governing Liberals are promising to provide limited coverage of infertility services to more women who are struggling to get pregnant.

They say they plan to help would-be parents pay for one cycle of in vitro fertilization for all forms of infertility starting early next year.

But the province won't cover the costs of drugs and other services associated with IVF, which can cost thousands of dollars.

Health Minister Deb Matthews wouldn't say exactly how much of the IVF costs will be covered, but estimates Ontario will pay out $50 million annually once the program is fully implemented.

She says the government hasn't decided yet whether it will offset the costs through a tax credit or through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Matthews says some infertile women turn to less effective and more dangerous alternatives to try to get pregnant, which can significantly increase the risk of multiple, pre-term births and severe medical and developmental problems. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lunacy. Space-race stuff fetches tens of thousands

An Apollo 11 lunar surface checklist sheet was among the coveted items sold at a New York City auction of space exploration artifacts.

The checklist contained annotations by astronaut Buzz Aldrin while he was on the moon. It sold at Bonhams this week for more than $68,000. It had a pre-sale estimate of up to $45,000.

Other highlights included a six-inch cloth emblem depicting an eagle landing on the moon. A U.S. flag carried by Aldrin on Apollo 11 fetched $47,500, double its pre-sale estimate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This Mercury-era spacesuit fetched over $43,000, more than five times its estimate. BONHAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS




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Major guilty of sex assault

The former commanding officer of an Armed Forces base in Alberta has been found guilty of sexual assault.

A military judge found that Maj. David Yurczyszyn groped a woman's breast near the Wainwright training base, southeast of Edmonton, nearly two years ago.

At the beginning of his court martial this week, Yurczyszyn pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness under the National Defence Act.

But he denied grabbing the woman at a party on Remembrance Day in 2012.

Yurczyszyn was removed from the top job at Wainwright after he was charged last year, and transferred to army headquarters in Ottawa.

A decade earlier, he was charged but cleared in a sex-tape scandal in Ontario.

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'Cuban Twitter' hearing

Committee wants USAID's records

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee asked the U.S. Agency for International Development on Thursday to turn over all records about the secret 'Cuban Twitter' program as part of a broader review of the agency's civil-society efforts worldwide.

Cuban subscribers weren't told about Washington's role in the text message-based cellphone service, which was meant to undermine Cuba's communist government.

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Arctic flight

Pilots fired for flying off course

A northern air carrier has fired two pilots after they flew a plane so far off course on a routine Arctic flight that it took about 20 minutes to get back.

As for what caused the error, Peter Hildebrand of the Transportation Safety Board said, "We're still working to find that out."

The Boeing 737 left Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, on a routine flight to Iqaluit on March 31. It was carrying 19 passengers and four crew.

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Gay rights

Groups to hold anti-gay rally

Two groups in Ethiopia said Thursday that they will hold an anti-gay demonstration later this month, a move that puts Ethiopia in line to become the next African country to increase the public demonization of gays.

Although gay sex is already outlawed in Ethiopia, the rally set for April 26 comes as the parliament considers making homosexual acts ineligible for presidential pardons.

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A cadet checks computers at the Cyber Research Center at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., Wednesday. The cadets are fending off cyber-attacks this week as part of an exercise involving all the service academies. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cyber-defence week for cadets

West Point. U.S. military's annual exercise pits cadets against NSA experts

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"We're playing ball against a major-league team."

Cadet John Zeidler on the military exercise, which matches NSA computer experts against cadets

If Douglas MacArthur or Ulysses S. Grant went to the U.S. Military Academy today, they might be testing their defensive skills hunched in front of a computer screen.

A team of caffeine-fuelled cadets is spending long days this week in a computer lab trying to fend off threats cooked up by experts at the National Security Agency. The annual Cyber Defence Exercise running through Thursday will determine which of the five service academies can create computer networks that can best withstand the four-day barrage.

The 14-year-old exercise lacks the lore of Army-Navy football but not the intensity. Not only does the exercise dovetail into the military's broader strategy of staying ahead of the curve in cyber-operations, but the West Point cadets relish the chance to test their computer skills against their peers.

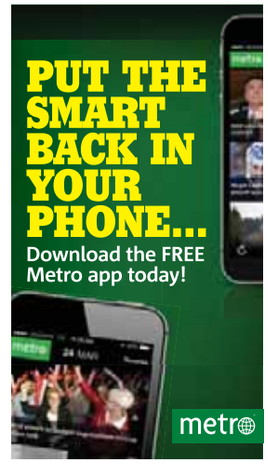
"This is the Army-Navy game for our electrical engineering and computer science departments ... this is our chance to beat the other service academies," said Cadet Jason DeCoursey of Little Rock, Ark.

DeCoursey was one of about 30 senior cadets crammed in a windowless computer lab at the academy on Wednesday. The exercise is essentially a high-tech game of capture the flag: The NSA team attempts to capture "tokens" embedded in the academies' networks. The academies for Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine compete, and the one that does the best job fending off the barrage of cyber-attacks is declared the winner.

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Central African Republic.
Priest says at least 30 dead in violent clashes

Clashes between Christian and Muslim fighters in Central African Republic have left at least 30 people dead and forced others to flee their homes, a priest said Thursday.

Everaldo De Suza of the Saint Anne parish in the central town of Dekoa said the fighting began Tuesday when Christian militants attacked and Muslim fighters fought back.

A Christian commander confirmed the fighting but denied that his forces had started it. The death toll could not be independently confirmed.

The Muslim fighters, members of the disbanded Seleka rebel alliance who had a tenuous hold on the town when the fighting began, called for reinforcements, De Suza said.

Most of the dead were civilians, killed by Muslims who fired into a crowd of people they mistook for Christian militants, he said. Pillaging and death threats from the fighters forced many others to flee the town for the bush, he added.

Central African Republic, long unstable, descended deeper into chaos following a coup last year by the Seleka alliance, which proceeded to commit atrocities against civilians. Christian militias sprung up in response. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN to step in

- The Security Council on Thursday unanimously approved a nearly 12,000-strong UN peacekeeping force for Central African Republic.
- The 10,000 UN troops and 1,800 police will take over from African Union soldiers — but not until September 15.

Anti-conscription

Orthodox Jewish protesters clash with Israeli police

Israeli police say hundreds of ultra-Orthodox protesters have clashed with police in a demonstration against military conscription.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says protesters in Jerusalem hurled stones and bottles at police and set trash bins on fire. Police on horseback pushed them back and five were arrested.

Israel recently passed a contentious law aiming to gradually increase ultra-Orthodox enlistment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Srebrenica massacre

Netherlands to compensate families of 3 men

Relatives of three men killed during the 1995 Srebrenica massacre will each receive $28,000 US in compensation, the Dutch government said Thursday.

The announcement came seven months after the Dutch Supreme Court ruled the Netherlands was liable in the deaths of the three Bosnian Muslims because Dutch troops serving in a UN peacekeeping force should not have turned the men over to Bosnian Serb forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Search crews intensify hunt for jet's crash site

Flight 370. Equipment picks up more sounds consistent with a plane's black box in deep waters of the Indian Ocean

An Australian aircraft Thursday detected what may be the fifth signal coming from a man-made device deep in the Indian Ocean, adding to hopes that searchers will soon pinpoint the object's location and send down a robotic vehicle to confirm if it is a black box from the missing Malaysian jet.

The Australian air force P-3 Orion, which has been dropping sonar buoys into the water near where four earlier sounds were heard, picked up a "possible signal" that may be from a man-made source, said Angus Houston, who is co-ordinating the search off Australia's west coast.

"The acoustic data will require further analysis overnight," Houston said.

If confirmed, the signal would narrow the hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished on March 8 while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people aboard.

The Australian ship Ocean Shield picked up two underwater sounds on Tuesday, and two sounds it detected Saturday were determined to be consistent with the pings emitted from a plane's flight recorders, or "black boxes."

The Australian air force has been dropping sonar buoys to maximize the sound-detectors operating in a search zone that is now the size of the city of Los Angeles.

Royal Australian Navy Commodore Peter Leavy said each buoy is dangling a hydrophone listening device about 300 metres below the surface. The buoys transmit data via radio back to the plane.

The underwater search zone is now a 1,300-square-kilometre patch of the ocean floor, and narrowing the area as much as possible is crucial before an unmanned submarine can be sent to create a sonar map of a potential debris field on the seabed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A woman ties a message card for passengers on board the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 at a shopping mall in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Time running out to find black boxes

- Investigators suspect the plane went down in the southern Indian Ocean based on a flight path calculated from its contacts with a satellite and analysis of its speed and fuel capacity, but the content of the flight data and cockpit voice recorders is essential to solving the mystery of why the plane was lost.
- The search for the black boxes is increasingly urgent because their locator beacons have batteries that last about a month and may fail soon.
- An Australian government briefing document said the acoustic pingers likely would continue to transmit at decreasing strength for up to 10 more days.

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Jim Flaherty dead at 64

'Very sad day.' Death of former finance minister stuns Parliament Hill



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty receives a standing ovation from Health Minister Tony Clement, left, and other caucus members as he tables the federal budget in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in 2006. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jim Flaherty died suddenly Thursday at age 64, less than a month after retiring from his post as Canada's finance minister.

Flaherty, who spent eight years in the role, had been ill for some time, though that was not cited as a reason for his resignation.

The news rocked the House of Commons, as politicians mourned the loss of a finance minister who trudged through a financial crisis and recession and balanced the once rocky Canadian budget.

"Today is a very sad day — for me, for our government and for all of our country. I learned a short time ago that our colleague, my partner and my friend Jim Flaherty has passed away suddenly today," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told MPs in a Parliament Hill committee room with his wife Laureen in tears by his side.

"This comes as an unexpected and terrible shock to Jim's family, to our caucus and to Laureen and me."

Question period was suspended Thursday after the news broke. The usually raucous chamber was in a lull, with politicians hugging, crying and mourning together.

"It was very, very sombre, sad, but shocking, obviously," said NDP MP Paul Dewar, adding that, unlike other finance ministers, Flaherty brought a certain levity to the usually stressful environment. "He had that twinkle in his eye and he had a great sense of humour that brought something to the House of Commons and the politics, which is all too often not there."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird expressed his condolences in a written statement Thursday, calling Flaherty a "good friend and colleague for over two decades."

"Jim was a mentor to me throughout my time at Queen's Park from a very young age," wrote Baird. "I could always rely on Jim to be a devout friend through tough times, and an encouraging figure through good."

Former Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page, now a professor at the University of Ottawa, spent extensive time on the job with Flaherty and although the two butted heads on several issues, Page acknowledged how good a finance minister Flaherty was.

"It's a loss for the country for sure," said Page. "It's just an exhausting job, but he certainly rose to the occasion."

Flaherty's family offered a statement before asking for privacy.

"We appreciate that (Flaherty) was so well supported in his public life by Canadians from coast to coast to coast and by his international colleagues," it said.

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Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, in a statement expressing his condolences.

Brazeau arrested on charges of assault, cocaine possession

Suspended senator Patrick Brazeau pleaded not guilty on Thursday to several charges, including assault and cocaine possession.

Police arrested the 39-year-old in Gatineau, near Ottawa, at around 4 a.m. Thursday following a domestic assault call. Police say they arrived to find Brazeau and a woman in a "physical altercation." A 50-year-old man was also at the house.

Brazeau was charged with two counts of assault, uttering death threats, cocaine possession and breach of conditions. He briefly appeared in court wearing handcuffs. He did not look at reporters.

He also has one charge of assault and one charge of sexual assault outstanding from 2013.

Brazeau was to be held in custody overnight and was due to reappear in court Friday morning for a bail hearing.

Crown prosecutor Sylvain Petitclerc said he asked to keep Brazeau in custody to assure the safety of others and because he breached bail conditions.

"We cannot just let him go free as a bird like that," he said, adding that depending on the bail hearing, Brazeau could be kept in custody again or be released with certain conditions.

A huge pile of what appeared to be Brazeau's belongings were strewn all over the back door of his girlfriend's house, including photographs, his Certificate of Indian Status card, clothing and CDs.

Gatineau police say the 50-year-old man also on the scene will be charged with assault.

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Patrick Brazeau is escorted into the Gatineau Court House on Thursday.
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Access to information.
Report shows Tory staffers interfered with requests

The Information Commissioner of Canada has found evidence of "systemic interference" with access to information requests by three Conservative staff members, and suggests bringing in the police.

But the Public Works Department, where the interference occurred, says it won't be referring the matter to the RCMP because police did not lay charges in a similar case.

Suzanne Legault delivered her second report Thursday following an investigation into cases that date back to 2009 in the office of cabinet minister Christian Paradis, who was Public Works minister at the time.

She had already found against staff member, Sebastien Togneri, in a previous investigation, but found that Togneri and two of his colleagues interfered in five other instances.

Togneri, Jillian Andrews and Marc Toupin had all insisted on changes or modifications to government records that bureaucrats had already cleared for release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UN study

Murder rates dip globally, stay high in Africa, Americas

Global murder rates have declined slightly, but remain very high in the Americas and parts of Africa, according to a new UN study released Thursday.

Homicide rates in southern Africa and Central America are more than four times higher than the global average of 6.2 victims per 100,000 people, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime report said.

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Millard now also facing charges in his father's death

First-degree murder charges. Toronto man already accused in Tim Bosma's case

A Toronto man accused of killing a Hamilton father who disappeared after taking a pair of prospective buyers for a test drive has now been charged with murder in the death of his own father and another woman.

Dellen Millard has been charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Wayne Millard and Laura Babcock, with whom Dellen was romantically linked, Ontario provincial police said Thursday.

Mark Smich is also charged with first-degree murder in Babcock's death.



Dellen Millard
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Officers have "attended and spoken with the Babcock family," Toronto police Staff Insp. Greg McLane said in a news conference.

"We'd ask that the victims' families be afforded privacy during these very, very difficult times."

Millard's lawyer, Deepak Paradkar, would not comment on the new charges but said he would "defend the case zealously."

He had previously dismissed any connection between the three cases as speculation.

Millard, 28, and Smich, 26, are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma, who vanished May 6, 2013 after leaving home in his pick-up with two men. He had posted the truck for sale online.

His remains were found about a week later burned beyond recognition at a southwestern Ontario farm belonging to Millard.

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Leadership not in sight. Yet.

Blamed in some quarters for derailing the Parti Québécois campaign, newly elected MLA Pierre Karl Peladeau walks in to the PQ special caucus Thursday in Quebec City. He says "it's too early" to talk about him seeking leadership of the party. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syria

Civilian food crisis at its worst: UN

The United Nations says the food crisis facing displaced Syrian civilians has now reached the worst-case scenario, with no end in sight.

That is forcing the UN World Food Program to cut food distribution by 16 per cent this month to millions of internally displaced people and refugees after a 20 per cent cut in March, said Muhannad Hadi, the agency's emergency co-ordinator for Syria.

This comes as more people than ever before are solely dependent on the agency to feed them. The WFP predicts its desperate client list — from inside Syria and neighbouring countries — to grow from 5.8 million to seven million by year end, said Hadi.

"From day one, we have prepared ourselves for the worst-case scenario, but the fact is we never though the worst-case scenario would be for so long," Hadi said. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Road trip to touch 90 cities

We Create Change Tour. Free the Children ambassador Spencer West leading group visiting schools across Canada over 10 weeks

Sure, we've all been on a road trip, but imagine one that sets out to visit 90 cities in 10 weeks — oh, and did we mention it's all to celebrate Canadian students helping other youth around the world to access education?

Starting Friday, Free the Children ambassador Spencer West, along with friends from the band Neverest, 11-year-old activist Hannah Alper and cast members from Degrassi, are visiting schools across the country as part of the We Create Change Tour.

This unique trip is billed as a "mini We Day" — Free the Children's annual event inspiring youth to get involved and make a difference in their community and the world.

"Fifty-seven million children are still denied access to education," said West, who lost both his legs at the age of five. "I've had the chance to speak with young people around the world who dream of changing their lives and the lives of their families through education."

As a sponsor, Metro will follow the tour as it makes its way across the country, with West sharing with readers how students across Canada have inspired him with their efforts to help those who haven't had an opportunity to go to school

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"Fifty-seven million children are still denied access to education."

Spencer West



Free the Children ambassador Spencer West, along with friends from the band Neverest, 11-year-old activist Hannah Alper and cast members from Degrassi, will be visiting schools across the country, starting Friday, as part of the We Create Change Tour. Metro will be following the "mini We Day" tour as it makes its way across the country.

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Pollution in China



Chinese artist Liang Kegang poses with his jar of fresh air in an art gallery in Beijing.

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Breath of French air fetches $860

Beijing artist Liang Kegang returned from a business trip in southern France with a small item of protest against his home city's choking pollution: a glass jar of clean, Provence air.

He put it up for auction before a group of about 100 Chinese artists and collectors late last month, and it fetched 5,250 yuan ($860).

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Immigrants: Canada's 150th birthday and beyond

The Story of Us
Immigration in Canada

Newcomers. Ready to shape the future, even if number of people arriving slows



SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

What will Canada look like in 2017 as it becomes 150 years old? What will it look like beyond that?

The tide of immigration will continue, but some think the flow will become more of a trickle as the years pass.

"I think it's a fair assumption to think that there will be a lower level of immigration than the current level," said Western University sociology professor Roderic Beaujot.

Politicians may say Canada needs immigration "especially at election time," Beaujot said. But, the problem is, demographers and economists aren't necessarily preaching the same message, he said.

Beaujot also sees the need to stem population explosions around the world as having an adverse effect on immigration.

"The world can't sustain this continuous growth that we have," he said. "The population has to live within the ecology. For that alone, it may slow down."

Such thoughts are worlds away for two young women, who recently became Canadian citizens.

Paula Garcia's family came to Canada from Colombia seven years ago. Soon, the 23-year-old university student will be able to give back to the country that took her in, all while fulfilling a dream of her own.

She plans to be an elementary school teacher, in part, because she wants to offer children the best possible future.

"I love kids, so that's what I thought would be the best thing for me," she said. "I have the possibility to do this here now."

See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to see a video clip featuring more immigrants who've made Canada home.



Paula Garcia's family came to Canada from Colombia seven years ago. Soon, the 23-year-old university student will be able to give back to the country that took her in, all while fulfilling a dream of her own. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

The citizenship ceremony, Garcia said, was wonderful, and while the test she had to pass to get there was difficult, it was fair. She earned an A.

She was one of 62 people who became citizens at a March 26 ceremony in London, Ont.

Maria Qureshi, 32, originally from Pakistan, was there too.

She held a small Canadian flag in her hand and had a smile on her face, after taking the oath. "It's like nervous excitement," she said. "I had tears in my eyes when they first announced that we're citizens, and I loved the judge's speech. It was amazing."

Citizenship Judge Normand Vachon quoted inspirational leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and Mahatma Gandhi in his welcoming speech to the new Canadians.

Qureshi said the long wait for that day was difficult, but boasted that she too aced the citizenship test. "I studied extra hard for it, and I took it really seriously," she said proudly. "So I scored full marks on it."

In Canada, she said she hopes for a better future because she has a better chance of being successful.

That was the common thread among many at the ceremony.

They just want a fair chance to forge a good life for themselves, their children and, of course, to be key players in the Canada of tomorrow. That's what Vachon urged them to do.

He told them to find a job, keep a job, make sure their children are clothed, fed, warm and in school. He suggested they get to know their neighbours and become active, along with knowledgeable, in politics.

Perhaps most importantly, he told them to make this country better than it was when they found it.

Research

A Statistics Canada paper says one of three situations, all depending on a number of factors and formulas, will play out for immigration through 2036.

- **Low projection**: Six immigrants per thousand population each year; would be the lowest rate recorded since early 1990s.
- **Medium projection**: 7.5 immigrants per thousand population each year; matches the average annual immigration rate for early 1990s to late 2000s.
- **High projection**: Nine immigrants per thousand population each year; matches highest rate recorded since 1991.

Canadian opinion

Young people more open to immigrants: Prof

Freedom, peace, the opportunity to build a better life.

It's simple to see why people from other countries care about immigration and are passionate about its future.

But what about the average Canadian? Is immigration — the influx of people with different ways of doing things — a positive or a negative thing?

Much of it depends on who you're asking, one expert said.

"Judging by the students I meet every year in Ottawa, who come from several parts of the country, the young generation has a more progressive and more open-minded notion (of immigration)," said University of Ottawa Canadian history professor Pierre Anctil.

More rural areas tend to be less accepting, Anctil said. Though there are exceptions to that rule, he added.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO IN LONDON, ONT.

Offering their take

Looking into the future

Here's what some of the people Metro talked to over the past five days said about where they've come from and what they hope to see in coming years.

Jamie Martinez (from Colombia): "The first thing that we need to do is to have equity here. It means if the population of Colombians is two per cent (in Canada), every company needs to have two per cent Colombians working there."



Jaime Martinez

Shirley Edwards (from United Kingdom): "It takes a number of years to settle and integrate into a new country. Be patient, though. Know that when you need support (you can) ask for it (and) it will come. That's what community is for. That's the Canada we now call home."



Shirley Edwards

Priscilla Bunke (From Nigeria): "My hope for the future is to be able to follow my career and help my children achieve their potential in our chosen country."



Priscilla Bunke

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Declared public nuisance.
Sriracha factory pecked by Irwindale in heated spat

A Southern California city has declared the factory that produces the popular Sriracha hot sauce a public nuisance.

The Irwindale City Council's action Wednesday night gives the factory 90 days to make changes to stop the spicy odours that prompted complaints from some residents last fall. Declaring a public nuisance will allow city officials to enter the factory and make changes if the odours persist after the deadline.

The decision came despite testimony by air-quality experts that progress was being made toward a resolution. The South Coast Air Quality Management District said its inspectors have taken air samples inside the plant, and believed the information gathered should allow the factory and the city to resolve their differences.

Attorney John Tate, who represents Sriracha maker Huy Fong Foods, Inc., said the company had been working with the AQMD on its filtration system since the complaints first arose.

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English versus French

Walmart will not be 'Le Magasin Walmart' in Que.

A judge has ruled that major retailers do not have to modify their commercial trademark English names into French, as the province's language watchdog had hoped.

The watchdog had suggested that a store like Walmart could change its signage to "Le Magasin Walmart." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chilly reception

Campaign to warm customers up to frozen food

Frozen foods are about to get some badly needed image therapy.

With sales slipping in the category, frozen food makers are in the final stages of preparing a major public relations campaign to defend the nutritional reputation of their products.

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CBC cutting 657 jobs after hit of losing HNIC



The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said it will cut 657 jobs over the next two years as it deals with a big budget shortfall. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget. The public broadcaster has been dealt serious blows by loss of Hockey Night in Canada and 'hostile' government cuts

The CBC is slashing 657 positions over two years and will no longer pursue broadcast rights to professional sports as it grapples with a massive budget shortfall.

The public broadcaster announced a swath of cuts Thursday that will shave $130 million from its 2014-2015 budget and spur a new mandate "to reimagine itself" as the media landscape changes.

CBC president Hubert Lacroix detailed the news at a town hall meeting for employees that outlined financial challenges including a softened advertising market, disappointing ratings for CBC-TV, "much lower-than-expected" ad revenues from Espace musique and CBC Radio 2, and the loss of NHL broadcast rights to Rogers Media.

"There's no easy way to deliver news like this," Lacroix said in prepared remarks that were posted online moments after his private address.

"I know many of you are sad. I know there will be many questions. We will answer them straight up, both in our Q&A session today, in the meetings that will follow, and as things take shape over the coming days."

CBC News reports that 334 full-time jobs will come from English Services, saving roughly $82 million. The belt-tightening — which will incur one-time severance costs of $33.5 million — are geared to guiding the corporation "towards a smaller, more nimble and more open public broadcaster," Lacroix added.

Spokesman Ian Morrison, of the watchdog group Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, blamed the budget troubles on "a hostile" Conservative government that reduced the CBC's funding appropriation by $115 million back in 2012.

Lacroix said these were "tough decisions necessary to balance our current budget."

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Facebook adds 'privacy dinosaur'

Facebook admits it's had its fair share of fumbles and stumbles when it comes to privacy.

So the social media giant, which has 19 million regular users in Canada and 1.23 billion globally, is rolling out a few tweaks to help users better understand how to control who sees their posts.

And it's taking the unusual step of intervening when it suspects users could be posting publicly without realizing it.

"We understand that in the past some people have felt that privacy on Facebook has changed too frequently or that we haven't communicated as well as we could about privacy," says Mike Nowak, a product manager on the company's privacy team.

For users who regularly share their content widely without any privacy restrictions, Facebook plans to periodically prompt them — with what it hopes is a disarmingly cute cartoon dinosaur — to ensure they realize their posts are viewable by anyone and everyone.

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MILEY DROPS BALL ON FEMALE POWER



THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 **Solidarity.** You know that one relative we all enable? The "victim" that alienates everyone, wants no part of the family, but still feels entitled to financial support as if restitution for their "emotional scars"? We pity them but eventually just stop taking their calls. It's sad. In unrelated news, the Parti Québécois was convincingly defeated in Quebec's provincial election.

2 **Wrecking Ball.** Some think that Miley Cyrus is just a wild child, but she's really a freedom-fighter advocating sexual equality. Cyrus says, "Guy rappers grab their crotch all f---ing day and have hos around them... but if I grab my crotch and have hot model b---hes around me, I'm degrading women? ... But I'm part of the evolution of that. I hope." So there it is: Miley Cyrus is the evolution of female empowerment. As well, probably a growing trend of parents home-schooling their daughters.

3 **#MarchMadness.** The NCAA men's basketball finals saw the UConn Huskies defeat the Kentucky Wildcats. It marked the first time a 7th and 8th seed met in the finals, but was no less satisfying. We saw high energy, great dunks, some violent unsportsmanlike conduct and terrific in-depth analysis. And that was just from the other guys at the bar.

4 **#DayofPink.** This year's "international day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities" took place this week with tremendous support. The best hope to deter a bully is to educate them and others about how to deal with them. We can draw from our own experiences as almost all of us can relate to being bullied: Some by the big kid at school, others by their boss, and some by Revenue Canada. (That last one was a cry for help. They're killing me!)

5 **UConn't beat 'em.** The day after their boys won it all, UConn's undefeated women's team scored a convincing victory over Notre Dame's also undefeated Fighting Irish to bring home the championship. Both teams set new standards for their schools, and for women everywhere. But I can't help think that somewhere at the heart of all this, stands Miley Cyrus. (What? Too much?) #Uconn

6 **Holy week.** Two upcoming religious holidays include Passover for the Jews, and Easter for Christians. Both share a historical bond celebrated with wine and feasts and family members gathering to remind each other of things long forgotten. Like the time they went to a party and woke up at the zoo, lost the family savings in a Ponzi scheme, or declared grandpa mentally incompetent to gain control of his estate. All the while, sharing blessings of peace. Happy holidays!

7 **In memoriam.** The passing of Hollywood icon Mickey Rooney revived reports of elder abuse that left him almost destitute. @peoplemag tweeted: "Mickey Rooney's funeral delayed by family fighting" which prompted George Lopez to tweet "I didn't know Mickey Rooney was Mexican?" That aside, his physical stature never diminished his artistic largesse, and that body of work, not his financial estate, is his true legacy. #RIP

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On cloud divine



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Indoor cloud art is mist-ifying

A Dutch artist is taking the creative industry by storm ... with his indoor clouds. Berndnaut Smilde, 35, from Amsterdam, Netherlands, uses a smoke machine and clever lighting to create nimbuses of various shapes in empty spaces. An exhibition of his artworks, Antipode, is now on at London, U.K.'s Ronchini Gallery until June 14.

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Artist's viewpoint



"It always takes awhile to get a cloud where I want it. Their ephemerality is what I like the most. They just appear for a few seconds and then it falls apart."

Berndnaut Smilde, based in Amsterdam

Mystery points to the ominous

Ultimately, "there is a definite ominous element of my work," the artist says, pointing to the clouds' mystifying quality. "There is something ungraspable about clouds, which I think is really interesting," Smilde says.

"For this reason, people have been creating myths and meanings around clouds for centuries," he concluded.

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Babies let their taste buds do the talking



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If we were to rank food flavours that are largely hostile to our taste buds, lemons would have to rank near the top with sour keys and horseradish. But that's an admittedly sophisticated opinion, hardened by years spent emptying bowls, cups and plates. Combining flavours and whatnot.

To get to the kernel of a lemon's appeal, we need to return to ground zero for citrusy flavour country and put them in the hands of babies. The results are obviously adorable, but there's something suspicious about the ones that appear to like it. Or perhaps they're just old souls.

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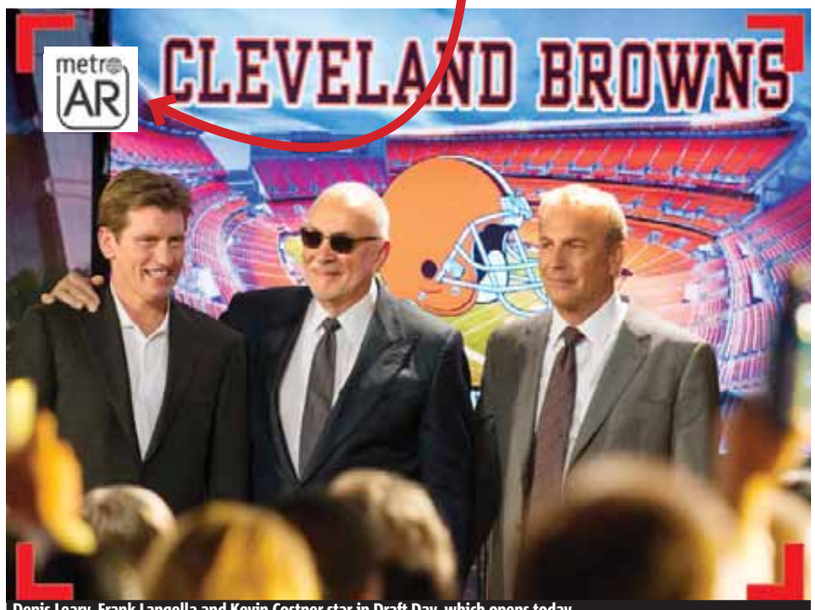
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This Draft Day is full of drama

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN





Denis Leary, Frank Langella and Kevin Costner star in Draft Day, which opens today.
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Synopsis

On the day of the NFL Draft, Cleveland Browns general manager Sonny Weaver Jr. (Kevin Costner) is faced with some tough choices. His team is not doing well, sports radio talking heads are beating him up for ruining the franchise his late father — the legendary coach Sonny Weaver Sr. — built up and his girlfriend (Jennifer Garner) is angry with him. His future and possibly the future of the team hinges on one deal: a massive trade for hotshot quarterback Bo Callahan (Josh Pence).

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Finding feeling in football. Kevin Costner brings a lot of heart to this film about a down-on-his-luck NFL general manager hinging his future on one big trade

Richard: Mark, the message behind Draft Day is that technical ability is one thing, but having heart is more important. It's a key message for the story but vital when considering the movie as a whole. This film is technically proficient, but loads of technically proficient flicks aren't as entertaining as this one. This movie works particularly well because it has heart, just like the players that Kevin Costner's character tries to recruit for his football team.

Mark: Which makes the movie the opposite of Moneyball, which celebrates rationality and scientific method. I much preferred Costner's flawed, slightly desperate soul over Brad Pitt's technocrat. But there were other reasons I liked the movie. Having it take place on one day gives the film an urgency that really pulls you in. And there were some nice directorial flourishes, too. I haven't seen split screen used so well in a long time. And let's not forget a strong supporting cast.

RC: Like Moneyball, Draft Day scores authenticity points by casting a number of sports figures and insiders playing themselves, but you're right, the supporting cast of professional actors really scores a touchdown. I enjoyed seeing Frank Langella playing the anything-for-a-buck owner of the Browns and Ellen Burstyn and Dennis Leary as Sonny's mother and grumpy coach respectively, are both great. Sean Combs didn't even bother me. Of course, this really is Kevin Costner's movie. He's easy to watch at the best of times but particularly so when he's in the genre that works best for him, and that's sports movies.

MB: And it's hard to watch Costner in this without thinking about his iconic sports roles in Field of Dreams or Bull Durham. In fact, this is often where players wind up — as coaches and managers. So there's a through line to the character to appreciate. The only thing that bothered me was that I am not a football fan. I've never seen a game. So all the negotiations were like watching a game of chess without any idea how the pieces are moved. Could you follow the technical details of the trades? Or were you wishing for subtitles?

RC: Subtitles might have helped a bit, but for me it didn't matter if I followed the intricacies of the draft day business because I think the underlying emotion that comes along with changing someone's life by drafting them into the NFL — I found those scenes powerful.

MB: Director Ivan Reitman has had a tendency to lapse into sentiment and bathos, but he keeps these tendencies nicely in check. I loved Costner, but I was also impressed at the sure handed direction. Reitman's working at the top of his game.



Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:*

Drama/Horror



Oculus

Director. Mike Flanagan

Stars. Karen Gillan, Brenton Thwaites

Ten years ago, tragedy struck the Russell family, leaving the lives of teen siblings Tim and Kaylie forever changed when Tim was convicted of the brutal murder of their parents. Now in his 20s, Tim is newly released from protective custody. But Kaylie is convinced her parents' deaths were caused by something else altogether: a malevolent supernatural force unleashed through the Lasser Glass, an antique mirror in their childhood home.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 89% **Audience:** 94%

Action/Adventure



The Raid 2

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Yahan Ruhian

He thought it was over. After fighting his way out of a building filled with gangsters and madmen, rookie Jakarta cop Rama thought it was done and he could resume a normal life. He couldn't have been more wrong. Formidable though they may have been, Rama's opponents in that fateful building were nothing more than small fish swimming in a pond much larger than he ever dreamed possible.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 76% **Audience:** 94%

Animation



Rio 2

Director. Carlos Saldanha

Stars. Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg

It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in RIO 2, after they're hurtled from that magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all — his father-in-law.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 60% **Audience:** 96%

Inside Llewyn Davis. Did that marmelade tabby cat ever come back?

With Inside Llewyn Davis newly available for home viewing, it's time to answer the question that has vexed pet lovers and conspiracy nerds for months.

What did the Coen Bros. do to that poor, bedraggled cat?

If you haven't yet seen the movie, my top film of 2013, and you consider feline misfortune to be a spoiler, please stop reading now and watch Inside Llewyn Davis on DVD or Blu-ray. Enjoy the movie, and come back later.

For the rest of us, it's time to take a cold, hard look at the big furry mystery of the marmalade tabby named Ulysses that dogs New York folk singer Llewyn Davis (Oscar Isaac) in the film. The two become inseparable companions after the couch-surfing Llewyn accidentally locks Ulysses out of the apartment of his genial hosts the Gorfeins, who are both at work. The more Llewyn tries to unload his cat problem onto somebody else, the more Ulysses draws near.

Then the cat decides, as cats are wont to do, that it's time to be on its own. Events transpire to have Llewyn driving a car on the lonely highway between Chicago and New York, a light snow falling. He's fighting fatigue from lack of sleep, barely watching the road.

Suddenly, something small and furry crosses in front of the windshield. BAM! A shocked Llewyn realizes he's hit something. He pulls the car over to side of the road and examines the front bender. There's blood all over it.

Then he looks behind the car and sees a small animal, obviously injured, dragging itself toward a stand of trees.

There is no logical reason to assume that this is Ulysses. In fact, logic would suggest otherwise. It might even be a figment of Llewyn's imagination.

But such is the power of film that we instinctively assume the injured animal is Llewyn's cat. We feel terrible for it, more than we might for some random roadkill.

I suspect that a lot of cat lovers hated the scene. I also suspect that writers/directors Joel and Ethan Coen realized this might happen, and tried to avoid being tagged as cat haters. I asked them in an interview about the roadside incident when Inside Llewyn Davis premiered theatrically last December. They denied having any murderous intentions toward tabbies, although they did say that cats are way less eager to be movie stars than dogs are.

"It's funny, but we weren't even thinking that while shooting (the road scene)," Ethan said. "We were thinking Llewyn hit some kind of animal. But the cat is so established in the movie, everybody who watches it is determined to turn that creature into the cat."

"Which is understandable," Joel interjected. "It's a random animal. Maybe it's a cat, maybe it's a raccoon. It's hard to see. We wanted it to be very obscure."

"We wanted to not know," Ethan. "Not that it matters, but the creature that we actually shot with was a small dog."

Whatever it is, the important thing to know is that it's not Ulysses.

PETER HOWELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE





Remembering Mickey Rooney: Three great films

Mickey Rooney might be best remembered for his ceaseless ups and downs, his dramatic failures and his many comebacks. But Rooney's roller-coaster melodrama — he was married eight times and quickly spent the fortune he amassed — wouldn't have mattered if he hadn't also had genuine, enduring talent.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, while under contract to MGM, Rooney was one of the most popular stars on the planet. At just 19, he was the top box-office draw.

In Rooney's subsequent decades, things would rarely come as easily as his early stardom. But across movies, Broadway and television, his manic energy rarely flagged. Rooney, who died Sunday at age 93, remained working into his 90s, still driven to "put on a show."

Here are five of Rooney's most memorable movie roles.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935)

The production of Max Reinhardt and William Dieterle's Shakespeare adaptation had to be rearranged after Rooney broke his leg while skiing, enraging Warner Bros. head Jack Warner. But as the mischievous sprite Puck, Rooney (who did the play on stage before the movie) excelled in the dreamy film and it remains one of his finest and most enchanting performances.

National Velvet (1944)

As a former jockey (a common role for the diminutive Rooney), the actor starred opposite an 11-year-old Elizabeth Taylor in her screen debut. The adaption of Enid Bagnold's tale was Rooney's last film before heading to war, a rare two-year gap in his otherwise constant output.



Boy's Town (1938)

Spencer Tracy starred as the kindly priest Father Edward J. Flanagan, who ran a home for underprivileged boys. But Rooney shared top billing with Tracy, playing the school bully and pool shark, Whitey Marsh, who — with maximum corniness — is reformed in the end. For his performance, Rooney won a special Juvenile Oscar, an honour that was given to performers under the age of 18 from the 1930s to the 1960s, starting with Shirley Temple.



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-Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

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-Chris Nashawaty, ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

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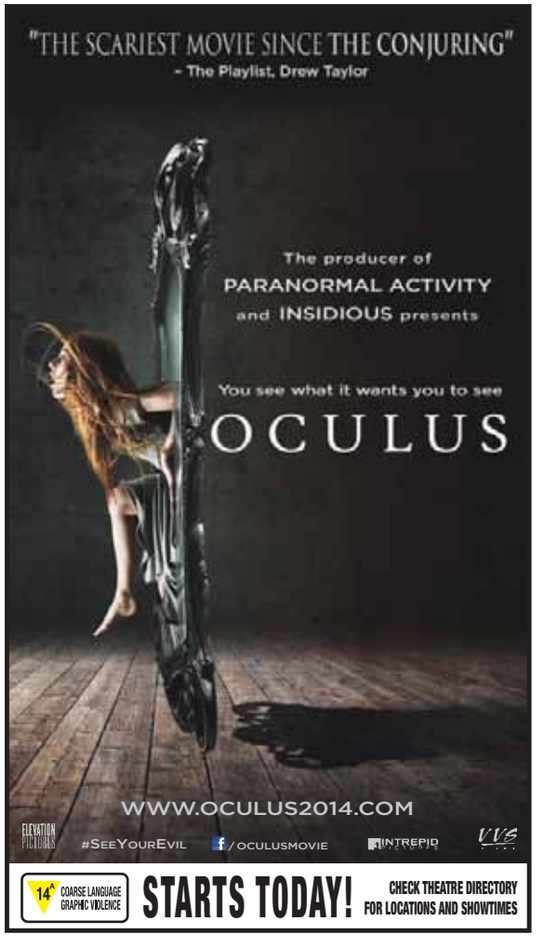
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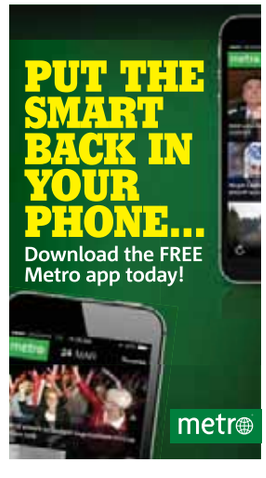
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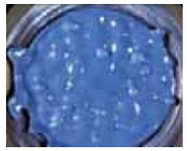
Breed/Secret Broadcast

This ex-Calgary band, now based in Toronto, acknowledges the 20th anniversary of the passing of Kurt Cobain with this cover of Nirvana's Breed. It's available as a free download. Their new album, Filthy Souls, is available now.



Lionheart/ PUP

I've been following this Toronto band for awhile now. Their self-titled debut record came out earlier this month, just in time for a tour of the UK. Oh, and PUP apparently stands for "Pathetic Use of Potential."



High Ball Stepper/Jack White

Jack chose to tease everyone with a non-single instrumental that sounds like it belongs in a Tarantino movie. His second solo album, entitled Lazaretto, will be out June 10.

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Video game review

Name. LEGO The Hobbit

For. PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Wii U

Rated. Everyone 10+

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You'd think another LEGO Hobbit game would be tiresome, yet this new entry — based on the two recent films — admirably finds enough fresh ideas to make you feel the joy all over again. There's dwarf mining tasks, a dish juggling mini-game, LEGO riddles, and an astonishingly epic run through the Goblin Caves. The considerable creativity that must have gone in to make everything new, to make each dwarf unique, to give even the background characters their own animated charm, stands out and will leave you shaking your head in wonderment.

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Allergies are a modern epidemic

By Dr. Chakib Hammoud, M.H.,PhD.

What people experience: ■ **I tried numerous other remedies all my life that were not effective.** Since I discovered #24 I do not have a stuffy nose and itchy eyes when pollen season comes around. I don't have to walk around like a doped zombie anymore. *Leonard Waldner, 44, Delia, AB* ■ **For 20 years my life was miserable** with sneezing, watery eyes and sinus pressure year-round on most days. I was amazed. On 3rd day all allergies were gone. It was like magic. *Becky Gerber, 25, Dover, OH* ■ **Golfing without allergy attacks** I tried all the medications and none worked. After taking 1 capsule in the morning I'm completely free of all symptoms. *Richard Gamez, 74, San Antonio, TX*

It's a fact. Kids in the Hall get the band back together as gothy guests on Spun Out

They may now be the Middle Aged Men in the Hall, but all five will be together again in Friday's episode of Spun Out.

The CTV comedy stars Dave Foley, part of renowned Canadian sketch comedy troupe the Kids in the Hall.

Friday's episode reunites him with Kids Kevin McDonald, Bruce McCulloch, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson, playing former high school goth bandmates of Foley's Dave Lyons character, on a mission to fulfil a suicide pact now that Dave is turning 50, CTV said in a news release.

Viewers can get a sneak peek in a blooper reel at CTV.ca.

"Getting to work with the Kids is like putting on an old pair of shoes that know every embarrassing thing you've ever done and that pinch a little at the toes," Foley said in the news release.

CTV said it's the Kids' first time on TV together in four years. The Kids in the Hall aired from 1988 to 1995.

The Kids reunited for the miniseries Death Comes to Town in 2010.

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From left, Mark McKinney, Bruce McCulloch, Dave Foley, Kevin McDonald and Scott Thompson reunite in Foley's CTV comedy Spun Out on April 11. BELL MEDIA

Details

The Spun Out episode airs Friday, April 11 at 8 p.m. on CTV.

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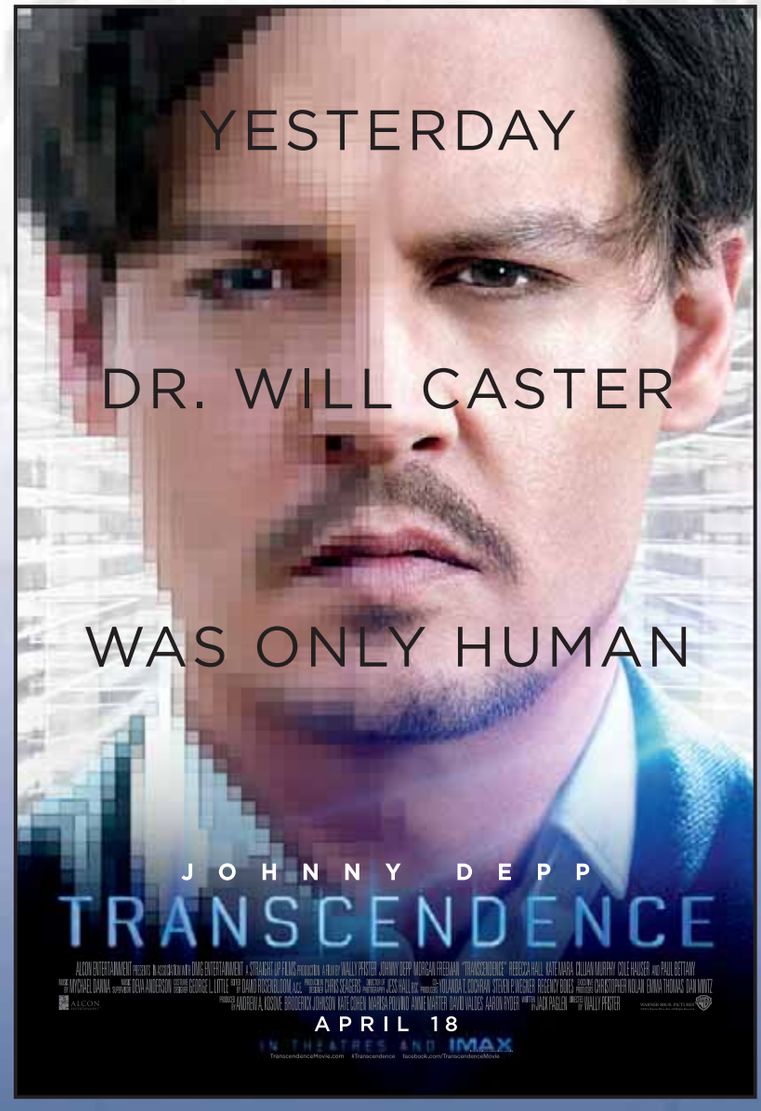
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The new issue of Rolling Stone, out April 24. MARK SELIGER/ROLLING STONE

Rolling Stone flubs U.S. Constitution 'tattoo' on Louis-Dreyfus's back

Julia Louis-Dreyfus better hope her latest tattoo is a temporary one.

The cover image of next month's Rolling Stone magazine featuring the Veep star depicts a nude Louis-Dreyfus with a tattoo of the U.S. Constitution signed by John Hancock across her back. The problem is Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution.

Louis-Dreyfus jokingly blamed the blunder on Mike McClintock, the fictional Veep character played by Matt Walsh who serves as communications director to Louis-Dreyfus' Vice-President Selina Meyer on the HBO comedy series.

"Yet another Mike (expletive)-up," the 53-year-old actress posted Wednesday on Twitter. "Dummy."

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia mocked the flub by tweeting a photo of the cover alongside such founding fathers as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin in Signers' Hall with the words, "Thanks for the shoutout but no Hancock here."

Rolling Stone spokeswoman Melissa Bruno said the Declaration of Independence is on the other side of Louis-Dreyfus' body, but they couldn't fit in the signatures.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Naya Rivera, Big Sean put the 'ex' in Rolex

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Naya Rivera and Big Sean have called off their engagement. But their breakup is no placid, cordial conscious uncoupling. It's more of a tweet-accusations-of-theft kind of uncoupling.

Rapper Big Sean's rep said that it was his decision to call off the engagement, denying rumours that he'd cheated. Sources told TMZ that he called things off because Rivera, who stars on Glee as Santana, was too controlling and jealous.

Rivera herself felt no need to get her side of the story out through anonymous sources: She went straight to the Internet. In a now-deleted tweet, she wrote, "@bigsean stealing rolexes from a lady's house now. Maybe cuz I'm on Glee and making more money or something. #triflin."

Burn! But the story doesn't end there. Sources told TMZ that the watch was actually Sean's and he just lent it to Rivera. We look forward to more deleted tweets in response.

Regardless, neither is likely to languish in singlehood for long: Rivera seems to have gone up a cup size or two of late. And hey, Big Sean has a Rolex now.



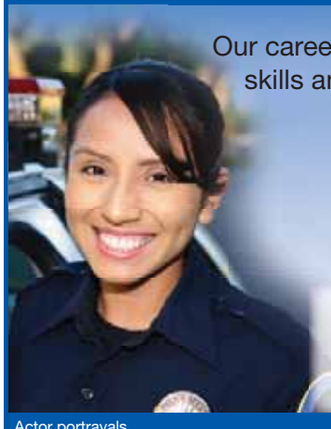
Katherine Heigl GETTY IMAGES

Heigl sues drugstore chain over tweeted pic

Katherine Heigl is suing New York pharmacy chain Duane Reade for tweeting about her, according to Entertainment Tonight. Heigl apparently wasn't too thrilled when the chain posted a photo of her near one of their stores to its Twitter and Facebook accounts. "Duane Reade is liable for not less than $6 million in compensatory and punitive or treble damages," a suit filed by Heigl reads. The photo, taken by paparazzi without Heigl's permission, was posted with the caption, "Even (Heigl) can't resist shopping NYC's favorite drugstore." The proceeds from any legal victory for the actress would go to charity.

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Paso Robles may not be the easiest region to pronounce (it's pah-sow-row-bless), but it's producing some of the most original wines on the U.S. west coast from dozens of different grape varieties. Located between Los Angeles and San Francisco, it's also the home to many of Cali's most straight forward and consistent whites and reds made from mainstream fruit.

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Serving up a fancy meal that will impress the toughest critics doesn't have to take much effort. Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us how with a spring-friendly recipe from her cookbook The Free Range Cook



Complementary flavours: Lamb Racks with Salsa Verde



THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
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1. Rub lamb all over with Salsa Verde (see left) and season with salt and pepper. Cover and stand 30 minutes, or refrigerate for up to 12 hours. If you put lamb in the fridge, take it out 30 minutes before cooking so it can reach room temperature before going into the oven.

2. When you are ready to eat, preheat oven to 230 C. Transfer lamb to an oven tray or heavy cast iron dish and roast for 16-20 minutes or until it is done to your preference. Remove the dish from the oven, cover it with aluminum foil and then place a couple of clean cloths over the top to keep it warm while it rests for 10-15 minutes.

3. Slice between ones to separate lamb rack into cutlets and serve accompanied by an extra dish of Salsa Verde. **WATCH THE ANNABEL LANGBEIN FREE RANGE COOK MONDAY TO THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M. EST, STARTING APRIL 28 ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 3 lamb racks, trimmed, or 6 lamb back straps or 3-4 lamb rumps
- 4 tbsp Salsa Verde
- flaky salt and ground black pepper



This recipe serves six. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

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Condiment

Salsa Verde

- 1 1/2 cups (2 handfuls) parsley leaves, de-stemmed
- 1 handful (about 40) chives, chopped
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup capers
- 3 cloves garlic
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- ground black pepper
- 1/4 small red onion, chopped
- 1 small tin (8-10) anchovies, drained
- yolk of one hard boiled egg

Purée all the ingredients in a food processor until smooth. Salsa Verde keeps in a covered jar in the fridge for about a week or it can be frozen.

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Makes 2 cups. ANNABEL LANGBEIN



Bonsai, the haiku of the tree world

In rare form. Ancient technique of shaping trees is the zenith of container planting



A bonsai in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's collection. BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many people have a bonsai story: A first bonsai, a struggling bonsai. And many of these stories do not end happily, at least for the bonsai.

But the very best bonsai stories are about passion and beauty and transformation.

"A dewdrop hanging for a split second — that is bonsai," said Julian Velasco, the curator of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's bonsai collection and C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum. "It's very Zen-like. It's awesome."

For Velasco, who nurtures over 350 bonsai trees at the botanic garden — one of the largest and oldest bonsai collections on public display outside Japan — it all started with a bonsai he purchased as a young man at a street fair in San Francisco.

"Pretty quickly I knew it would be a lifelong path," he said.

"When you see the Grand Canyon or Yosemite, you are taking in the emotion of the place as much as the visual image," and bonsai is about that emotion, he says. It is the haiku of the tree world.

"About 30 years ago, a friend brought a bonsai for me from Hawaii, and I've been hooked ever since. Now my wife and I have hundreds of bonsai," he said. "Bonsai are a long-term commitment, though, and most take at least a decade to create. Some can hardly go a day without some kind of care. It's almost like having a pet."

Although Velasco said the ultimate goal is to "open your heart to the tree," he has a few more practical tips for novices.

The first is to choose a variety of tree suited to your environment. Bonsai are trees or shrubs, and most varieties should be grown outside, where they require a period of dormancy in winter.

For most people, however, who want to grow their bonsai indoors or keep them outdoors only in warmer months, tropical varieties like the ficus or Australian brush cherry, with its interesting flower and bark, are good choices. Both are sturdy enough to endure a few beginners' mistakes, do well indoors and can be kept outside so long as temperatures are above 16 degrees Celsius.

Another good option, particularly for people with access to an outdoor growing space, is Chinese elm, which is adaptable and can also be grown indoors.

The next step along the continuum of hardiness is junipers, particularly Chinese and procumbens varieties. Small varieties of azaleas, which are sturdy with nice leaves and flowers, are also popular among bonsai enthusiasts, Velasco said.

Outdoor bonsai are delicate, however, and need to be protected once temperatures reach -6 degrees C.

"Most people will bury just the pot part of the bonsai in soil and mulch up against a house or fence to protect it from drying winds. Burying the pot evens out the temperature for the roots so there are no sudden drops or super hard freezes," Velasco said.

Another strategy is burying just the pot part of the bonsai under a bench in the winter, and covering the bench with some clear plastic.

In addition to selecting the right variety, beginners need to understand bonsai stress and watering, Velasco said.

"A lot of times people bring home a bonsai and it drops its leaves and looks unwell. It's just stressed out. It needs time to adjust, and a little patience," he explained.

"Monitor the water very carefully. Without leaves it won't need as much water. Hold off on water until the soil dries out. And little by little, when you hold off on water, buds will start to appear. And as that starts to happen, the need for water will start to increase."

Many bonsai growers keep the tip of a chopstick deep in the soil toward the back of the pot as a moisture gauge.

"If the chopstick is moist you don't need to water. But you never want the roots in the pot to get completely dry. Water it only when it's almost dry," Velasco said.

Water from the top down and make sure the water drains out the bottom of the pot.

As for pruning, allow the tree to grow five to seven leaves before pruning it back by about two leaves of the new growth, Velasco said.

"Only prune what's actively growing. Trees need to grow to be happy and healthy," he said.

"If you're on top of your game, the tree will repay you by being healthy and beautiful. Just try to appreciate what the bonsai is trying to express to you."

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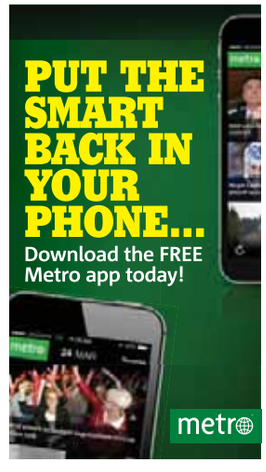
Bonsai for beginners

Bonsai, Japanese for "planted in a tray," originated in China in around 200 A.D., and the art spread several hundred years later to Japan. The art of bonsai was introduced to the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and at least one of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden bonsai trees is more than 200 years old.

- Bonsai is horticulture, art, philosophy and even a way of life in the form of a single tree, lovingly pruned and trained to exist in a small pot so that it reflects the majesty of the natural environment, explained Julian Velasco, the curator of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's bonsai collection.
- Luckily for beginners, learning to nurture a bonsai has never been easier.
- Expert help, once found only in Japan or China, is now more readily available at bonsai clubs and shops around the world. The American Bonsai Society lists bonsai clubs across the United States and Canada, and Bonsai Clubs International lists clubs worldwide.







Drouin leading Moose in more ways than one

Offensive weapon.
Sniper putting up points, and playing strong defensively



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Mooseheads star forward Jonathan Drouin heads onto the ice before Game 4 versus the Gatineau Olympiques in Quebec on Wednesday. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

Halifax Mooseheads fan or not, it's hard not to be impressed by Jonathan Drouin.

The star forward holds a league-leading 24 playoff points in eight games, including two goals and nine assists in the team's series against the Gatineau Olympiques.

But his outstanding offensive statistics don't seem to have gone to his head.

"We're all leaders on the team," insisted the five-foot-11, 192-pound Drouin following practice in Gatineau on Thursday. "We're all leading in our own way,"

Despite the humility, the 19-year-old native of Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Que. — already drafted to the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning — has taken on an undeniable leadership role with the team, a reality attested to by his teammates.

"He has the ability to change the game at any time.… His skill alone — it's definitely something unique," said veteran forward Andrew Ryan, who plays on Drouin's line.

Even without seeing the No. 27 on his jersey, he is a recognizable force on the ice.

Not only is his offence turning heads — his speed and stick-handling drew gasps from a crowd of mostly Gatineau fans this week — his defensive game has improved as well.

"When the coach puts you out there in the last minute you've got to make sure you're good defensively," said Drouin.

"I think I'm trying to do a little better this year."

The work has certainly been paying off.

Mooseheads coach Dominique Ducharme attributes the growth in part to Drouin's maturity, helped in part by two stints for Canada at the world junior hockey championships.

"With the experience of last year he's growing — he's an older guy with more experience," said the Mooseheads' bench boss.

"He's working on his game; he's playing a complete game; he's helping everyone and that's good to see."

In some senses, Drouin inherited the leadership mantle from former Mooseheads teammate and fellow Memorial Cup winner Nathan MacKinnon, who currently plays for the Colorado Avalanche.

"He's just himself (though)," said coach Ducharme. "He's not MacKinnon. He's not anybody else than himself and that's his best."

Friday night in Gatineau

Mooseheads look to end series in Game 5

The Halifax Mooseheads are one win away from disposing of the Gatineau Olympiques and advancing to the QMJHL semi-finals.

The Herd lead the best-of-seven series 3-1 with Game 5 Friday night in Gatineau at 8 p.m. The game will be shown live on Rogers Sportsnet One.

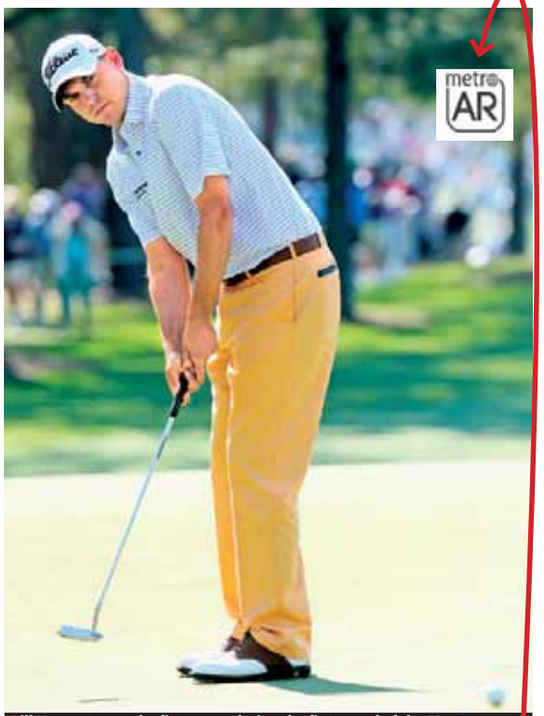
Halifax took control of the series with a 4-2 win over the Olympiques on Wednesday night. If Halifax loses Friday, the series will switch back to the Metro Centre for Game 6 on Monday night.

"It's going to be the same type of big, physical, in-your-face kind of hockey," said Olympiques forward Derrek Sheppard.

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4 SPORTS





Bill Haas putts on the first green during the first round of the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Haas is trying to do what his father, Jay, couldn't do — win a major. He is in good position after a 4-under 68 for the opening-round lead. Scan the above image using the Metro News app to view a photo gallery of other golfers on the greens, as well as a couple of celebrities cheering on their significant others. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Making Haaste to the top of the leaderboard

The Masters. Bill Haas attempting to win green jacket for his golfing family

With dad in his ear, Bill Haas turned in the best round of his Masters career Thursday.

Now he wants to do what his father never could — finish the job.

Haas birdied the final hole for a 4-under 68 and the opening-round lead, the first time he has broken 70 in five appearances at Augusta National.

His father, Jay, played in the Masters 22 times, with five top-10 finishes topped by a tie for third in 1995. He is staying with his son this week and providing valuable advice on the practice range.

"I never remember thinking, 'Man, I wish I could hit this shot for my dad,'" Bill Haas said. "But I do know that there's times I'm like, 'I wish my dad could hit this shot for me.'"

Jay Haas never won a major despite having plenty of success on the PGA Tour.

Maybe his 31-year-old son can take care of that family oversight.

"I think he deserves a major in his career as good as he played," Bill Haas said.

Defending champion Adam Scott has his major title and got off to a strong start in his quest to stay dressed in green.

Scott rolled in a testy putt to save par at the 18th, and finished with a 69, one shot off the lead.



Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask., lines up a putt during the first round of the Masters on Thursday. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Canadians in Augusta

It was a tough first round for Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask. DeLaet bogeyed six of his first seven holes and opened at 8-over 80.

- Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., who won the green jacket in 2003, shot a first round of 1 over.

"It was a nice way to walk off, not shooting 70," Scott said.

Louis Oosthuizen and Bubba Watson, another owner of a green jacket, matched Scott with a 69.

Playing in their first Masters, Jimmy Walker, Kevin Stadler and Jonas Blixt were among those shooting 70, making their way around the course just fine despite some unfamiliarity with the revered layout. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leafs go up in penultimate puff of smoke vs. Panthers



Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Drew MacIntyre sprawls to stop Vincent Trocheck of the Florida Panthers on Thursday night in Sunrise, Fla.
Nick Bjugstad had two goals and an assist to lift the Panthers to a 4-2 victory over the Leafs.
Brad Boyes and Brandon Pirri also scored for the Panthers.
Roberto Luongo, who returned after missing Tuesday's game with an upper-body injury, made 27 saves.
The Leafs finish their season on Saturday night in Ottawa.
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Shanahan joining Leafs, sources say

NHL. Hall of Famer to step down as league's director of player safety and could become the Buds' president

The intriguing concept of Brendan Shanahan joining the Maple Leafs has been rattling around the restless mind of Tim Leiweke for months.

But after an explosion of speculation from a variety of media outlets in the past 48 hours forced the idea to be fast-tracked, that concept is about to turn into reality.

Shanahan, according to multiple sources, will resign his position as the NHL's director of player safety as early as Friday and immediately join the Leafs this weekend as the team closes out a disappointing season.

While his precise job could not be confirmed, sources suggest the Hall of Fame winger will likely be named president of the Leafs hockey club, not only president of hockey operations.



Brendan Shanahan
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A formal press conference to announce his hiring could happen as early as Monday in Leiweke's latest eye-popping manoeuvre.

Shanahan has been toying with the idea of joining the Leafs for weeks. His preference, it's believed, would have been to stay in his current job until the end of the Stanley Cup final in June.

However, it is unlikely commissioner Gary Bettman, even with the Leafs not involved in the 2014 Stanley Cup playoffs, was comfortable with Shanahan remaining on the job if the hockey world knew he was soon going to take an executive position with a member club.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA. Pacers, Heat set to meet with No. 1 spot in Eastern Conference on line

For the last six weeks, Indiana and Miami haven't exactly looked like title contenders.

The Heat have lost 11 of their last 21 games. The Pacers, they've dropped 12 of 20.

And both teams are still way ahead of everyone else in the Eastern Conference standings. They'll meet Friday to decide who moves a giant step closer to having the No. 1 seed on their half of the NBA playoff bracket, Indiana (54-25) entering with a half-game lead over Miami (53-25).

"It's going to be intense," Heat forward Chris Bosh said. "It's going to be a hard-fought game. There's something at stake. It'll pretty much be the playoffs and I think it'll be a great atmosphere.... We expect them at their best."

Emotions run high whenever these teams play and the Heat needed seven games to beat Indiana in last year's Eastern Conference finals. Hosting potential Game 7's is a perk that comes with holding the No. 1 seed.

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King's priority



"We want to get healthy. That's all that we care about, going into the post-season healthy."

LeBron James isn't too concerned about clinching the No. 1 spot in the East





Blue Jays clipped by Astros' bats

Too little too late.
Blue Jays rally for three runs in the ninth but fall short, unable to complete sweep


Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros is picked off first base by Edwin Encarnacion of the Toronto Blue Jays in the fourth inning Thursday at Rogers Centre in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Robbie Grossman hit a two-run homer, Jonathan Villar belted a three-run blast and Jason Castro added a solo shot as the Houston Astros avoided a three-game sweep Thursday with a 6-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

Colby Rasmus hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays (5-5), who fell back to the .500 mark with the loss. Toronto ace R.A. Dickey (1-2) allowed five earned runs and six hits over seven innings.

Starter Dallas Keuchel (1-1) went seven innings for Houston (4-6), allowing five hits and one earned run. The Blue Jays rallied for three runs in the ninth inning before Anthony Bass got the final out for his first save.

Leadoff man Melky Cabrera opened the Toronto half of the first inning with a double to extend his hitting streak to 10 games. He moved to third on a sacrifice bunt but was left stranded when Jose Bautista popped up and Edwin Encarnacion grounded out.

Dickey retired the side in order in the first inning but gave up a pair of two-out walks in the second. The veteran knuckleballer got Grossman on a groundout to escape unscathed.

Castro led off the fourth inning with a sharp single to centre field for the Astros' first hit of the game. He was forced out at second base when Jose Altuve hit into a fielder's choice.

Dickey caught Altuve leaning towards second base on a leadoff and picked him off for the second out. He struck out Chris Carter for the third out.

Marc Krauss led off the fifth with a double off the wall in right-centre field and moved to third when Matt Dominguez grounded out to first base. Grossman turned on a 3-0 pitch for his first homer of the season.

Rasmus followed with a solo homer that hit the facing of the second level in right-centre field. It was his first home run of the season.

Astros reliever Josh Fields gave up two runs in the ninth when pinch-hitter Adam Lind doubled to the gap in left-centre field. Lind scored when Bass made a throwing error to first.

That brought Maicer Izturis to the plate with the potential tying run but he hit a comebacker to end the game.

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Fight for the East.
Pacers, Heat to play for top spot in conference

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UFC

GSP has surgery on knee, set for rehab

Former UFC champion Georges St-Pierre says his knee surgery went well and the rehab that looms ahead won't impact his decision on whether to return to mixed martial arts competition.

The 32-year-old Montreal fighter's left knee was operated on Wednesday in Los Angeles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Manning undergoes surgery on ankle

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning is going to start the off-season training program with a surgically repaired left ankle.

The Giants announced that Manning had arthroscopic surgery Thursday to relieve some lingering discomfort in the ankle he sprained in the regular-season THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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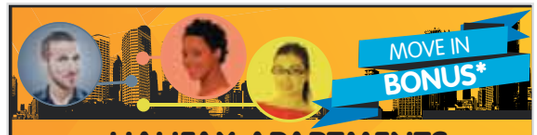
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The influence of Neptune, planet of deception, in your chart warns you could give away too much information about yourself. Be generous with your time and, if you can afford it, with your money but keep your secrets to yourself.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why are you trying to swim against the tide when you know it's a battle you are destined to lose? You may not agree with the way things are going but you have no choice but to go with it, for now.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone you have always thought of as a rival will surprise you today by being not just friendly but also open and honest on a personal level. Is it a trick? No it is not.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you want to make a success of something, get assistance. According to the planets, you have taken it as far as you can on your own. Now you must share the load with others.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Over the next week you will think more and more about your career and long-term ambitions. The need to make money may be a motivating factor but the most important thing is that do what you love.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You seem to be in everyone's good books at the moment, which makes you suspicious. The simple fact is some people like you for who you are, so stop being negative.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you say something you know to be untrue today, the planets warn you will be found out. There is absolutely no reason you should lie or give false information.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not understand why so many people are singing your praises but you must have done something to warrant being the centre of attention. Milk the applause.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be on top of your game but a week or so from now your energy may dip, so don't make too many plans and certainly don't take on any more chores. If anything, you need a rest.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something unexpected will happen today and because you like everything to happen at the right time, chances are you will be thrown out of your stride. Good. It's not healthy to get too set in your ways.

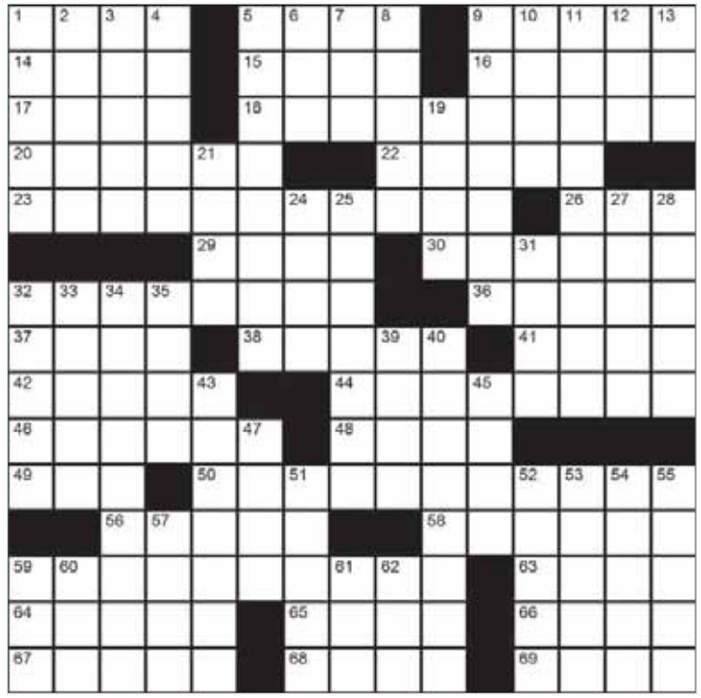
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The more open you have been in recent weeks, the more you need to spend some time by yourself now. This is a time for thinking and for coming to terms with your feelings. You can't do that at a party.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may have to take a detour today but that's OK. You will reach your chosen destination so don't be impatient. It's what you see and hear and feel along the way that makes the journey worth it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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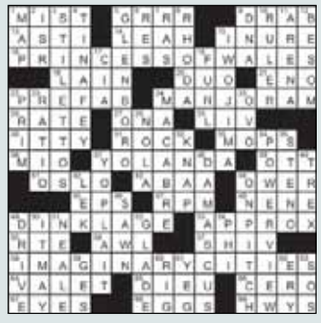
Across

1. __. Coach
5. Actor Christian
9. __ boom
14. __ Superstack (Sudbury landmark)
15. Soprano's show-stopper
16. Actress Dianne
17. Corn: French
18. As in recent news... Vancouver Island tree which might be the second largest of its kind in Canada: 2 wds.
20. Ratify
22. Ms. Zellweger
23. Concerns for students: 2 wds.
26. Elvis record label
29. E. __ (Bacteria)
30. __ __ one's laurels
32. Ice Age creature
36. Awry
37. Turkish title, variantly
38. Actress Hilary
41. Mr. Preminger
42. Valley of BC, Bella __
44. Ontario: __ Bay, dubbed the 'sixth Great Lake'
46. __-__ dress
48. $1.00 coin bird, Common __
49. Teaching deg.
50. #43-Down's winner gets presented with a what to wear?: 2 wds.
56. Waters: Spanish
58. Get away
59. They define The Group of Seven
63. Hip-Hop house
64. Hamilton CFL player
65. Functions
66. Pretty material
67. "Later, alligator!": 2 wds.
68. Kingly address
69. Outsy opposite

Down

1. Target: 2 wds.
2. Debacle
3. Book genre
4. Learn __ __ (Dog training basic)
5. Prickly person's predispositions: 2 wds.
6. Orinoco tributary
7. Actress Lucy
8. Tidal bore
9. Toronto neighbourhood; or, Welsh city where Catherine Zeta-Jones is from
10. France/Belgium river
11. Ancient Egypt's beautiful Queen
12. Q. "__ '_' the 9th letter?" A. "Aye."
13. Midpoint [abbr.]
19. Sideways glance
21. Puerto __
24. Sugar substitute, Sweet'_ __
25. Wangle
27. __ Rica
28. Mr. Williams of "Happy Days"
31. Urban air problem
32. Twin-crystal
33. _ __ day's work
34. Reality TV 'relationship'
35. Powder
39. Inert gas
40. Nunavut: __ Inlet (Iqaluit area which was a WWII air base for the United States)
43. Golf: Masters Tournament locale in Georgia
45. Genetic stuff [pl.]
47. Ms. Ullman, for short
51. Jacob's Biblical twin's
52. Gladiator's 351
53. 'K' of DKNY
54. Sagas
55. Singer/songwriter from Burlington, ON who currently has a country version out of the Avicii hit "Wake Me Up"
57. Crocodile Dundee's 'hi'
59. Mil. officers
60. Ouch!, in French
61. Pressure meas.
62. 'Ballad' suffix

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

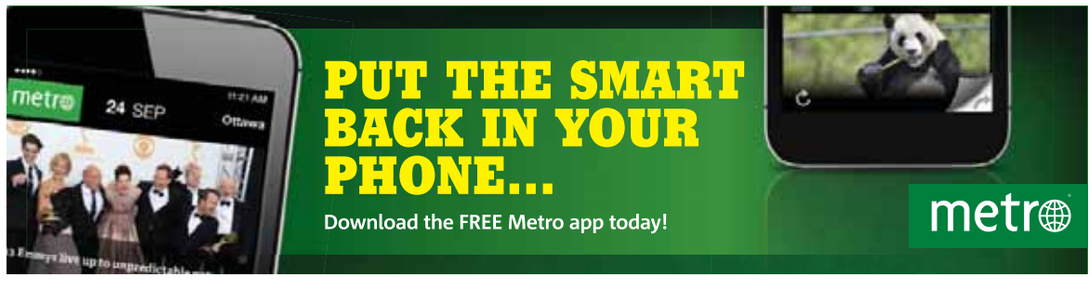
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3	4	7				6	9	8
		5	8	9	1	2		
		8	4	7	6	5		
7	9	1				8	6	5
	2		7		5		3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	2	5	3	1	9	7	4	8
1	8	7	2	4	6	3	5	9
3	4	9	8	5	7	1	6	2
5	3	4	1	7	8	2	9	6
8	9	1	6	2	4	5	3	7
2	7	6	9	3	5	8	1	4
9	5	2	4	8	1	6	7	3
4	1	3	7	6	2	9	8	5
7	6	8	5	9	3	4	2	1









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CITY: **10.2**L/100 KM▼

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